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## **SEN. SCHAUER HELPS NEGOTIATE PATIENT CARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HMO AND BATTLE CREEK PHYSICIAN**

**BATTLE CREEK** – In an effort to help provide a consistent continuum of care for patients of local physician, Dr. Stephen Robinson, while he serves a tour of duty in Iraq, State Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Calhoun, Jackson counties) announced that an agreement has been reached between PHP of Southwest Michigan and Dr. Robinson that that will allow his patients to continue receiving services at the Historic Northside Family Practice.

Sen. Schauer said: “I’m happy to have played a role in working with Dr. Robinson’s practice and officials at PHP of Southwest Michigan to find a solution that helps provide health care continuity for Historic Northside Family Practice patients. All parties worked together to ensure that patients will continue to have access to quality medical coverage. I know that one of PHP of Southwest Michigan’s top priorities is to provide safe and reliable health care services for its members. I thank them for their efforts in reaching a collaborative solution that serves the best interests of Historic Northside Family Practice patients during Dr. Robinson’s absence. In addition to helping the patients, I’m also very glad we can provide some peace of mind for Dr. Robinson while he courageously serves our country overseas.”

Under the new agreement, patients will now be able to receive treatment from interim doctors who are seeing Dr. Robinson’s patients while he is overseas.

David Kibbe, President of PHP of Southwest Michigan, said, “We’re glad to provide continuity of care, access and choice to Dr. Robinson’s patients, while at the same time continuing to support his practice while he is serving in Iraq.”